

**BIO: Cindy Harrington**

Cindy Harrington has been with the University of Alaska since 2001, following twelve years in non-profit management of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies.

As director of the *Distance Early Childhood Education A.A.S. Program*, Cindy coordinates delivery of the fully aligned certificate and associate degree administered in collaboration between the University of Alaska Fairbanks/ College of Community and Rural Development and University of Alaska Southeast. Over 100 early care and education students are admitted to the program, spanning the state from Metlakatla to Shishmaref.

UAS and the Rural College also lead efforts in higher education to develop a comprehensive system for early care and education in Alaska. Cindy is currently President Elect of the *Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children*, a national membership organization with over 800 members in the Alaska affiliates.

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